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In respect of the present application, it is hereby requested that the Finality of the Office Action dated June 20, 2008 be removed.

The Office Action dated June 20, 2008 raises new grounds of rejection that were neither necessitated by applicant's amendment of the claims, nor based on information submitted in an information disclosure statement. The new grounds are rejections under 35 USC 103 not raised previously on this application by the Examiner.

The previous Office Action of October 12, 2006 raised only a claim dependency issue and a 35 USC 102 issue, and the previous Office Action of May 3, 2007 raised only a priority claim issue and a restriction requirement. The minor claim amendments made in response to these issues did not necessitate the new rejections.

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